

**SOUTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

**COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**STATE AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**JUNE 30, 2018**



## Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

March 13, 2019

Members of the Commission on Consumer Affairs  
South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs  
Columbia, South Carolina

We have performed the procedures described in Attachment 1, which were agreed to by the management of the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (the Department), on the systems, processes and behaviors related to financial activity of the Department for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. The Department's management is responsible for the systems, processes and behaviors related to financial activity. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified parties in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described in Attachment 1 either for the purpose for which the agreed-upon procedures report has been requested or for any other purpose.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the systems, processes and behaviors related to financial activity of the Department. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

The concept of materiality does not apply to findings to be reported in an agreed-upon procedures engagement. Therefore, all findings from the application of the agreed-upon procedures must be reported unless the definition of materiality is agreed to by the specified parties. Management of the Department has agreed that the following deficiencies will not be included in the State Auditor's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures:

- Errors of less than \$1,000 related to cash receipts and non-payroll cash disbursements transactions.
- Errors of less than \$1,000 related to reporting packages.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the governing body and management of the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

George L. Kennedy, III, CPA  
State Auditor

**South Carolina Office of the State Auditor**

**Agreed - Upon Procedures - South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (R28)**

**Cash Receipts/Revenues**

1. Compare current year revenues at the subfund and account level from sources other than State General Fund appropriations to those of the prior year. Obtain from management an understanding of variations over \$25,000 and 10%.
2. Randomly select twenty-five cash receipts transactions and inspect supporting documentation to:
  - Agree transaction amount, date, payor, document number, and account classification to the general ledger.
  - Determine that revenues/receipts were deposited in a timely manner, in accordance with Proviso 117.1 of the Appropriation Act.
  - Ensure that both revenue collections and amounts charged are properly authorized by law.
  - Determine that receipts are recorded in the proper fiscal year.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

**Cash Disbursements/Non-Payroll Expenditures**

3. Compare current year non-payroll expenditures at the subfund and account level to those of the prior year. Obtain from management an understanding of variations over \$25,000 and 10%.
4. Randomly select twenty-five non-payroll disbursements and inspect supporting documentation to determine:
  - Transaction is properly completed as required by Department procedures; invoice(s) agree(s) with general ledger as to vendor, amount, number, and date.
  - All supporting documents and approvals required by Department procedures are present and agree with the invoice.
  - The transaction is a bona fide expenditure of the Department.
  - The transaction is properly classified in the general ledger.
  - Disbursement complied with applicable State laws, rules, and regulations including the State Consolidated Procurement Code, state travel regulations etc.
  - Determine that disbursements are recorded in the proper fiscal year.
  - Clerical accuracy / confirm proper sales/use tax.
5. Haphazardly select ten purchasing card transactions from the Comptroller General's listing of purchasing card transactions for Fiscal Year 2018 and inspect supporting documentation to determine:
  - The cardholder is an authorized user.
  - The purchase is authorized based on the cardholder's job title/position.
  - The monthly purchase summary was submitted along with applicable receipts and signed by both the supervisor and cardholder.
  - The purchase did not exceed the single transaction limit or the individual credit limit and there was no indication of transaction splitting.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

## **Payroll**

6. Compare current year payroll expenditures at the subfund and account level to those of the prior year. Obtain from management an understanding of variations over \$25,000 and 10%.
7. Compute the percentage distribution of fringe benefit expenditures by fund source and compare to the actual distribution of recorded personal service expenditures by fund source. Obtain an explanation of variations greater than 10%.
8. Compare the percentage change in personal service expenditures between the current year and prior year to the percentage change in employer contributions expenditures between the current year and prior year. Obtain an explanation of variations greater than 10%.
9. Select ten employee payments (randomly select the employee, haphazardly select the payment) and inspect supporting documentation during the fiscal year to:

For Salaried Employees:

- Obtain and inspect the employee's payroll and/or personnel file for various forms, communications, etc., to confirm that the person is a bona fide employee of the Department.
- Agree gross pay to supporting documentation confirming all changes to gross salary for the year. Determine that all changes have been properly approved.

For Hourly Employees:

- Obtain and inspect the employee's payroll and/or personnel file for various forms, communications, etc., to confirm that the person is a bona fide employee of the Department.
  - Confirm the hourly rate and time sheets are properly approved; recalculate gross pay.
10. Haphazardly select five employees who terminated employment during the fiscal year to determine if they were removed from the payroll in accordance with the Department's policies and procedures, that the employee's last pay check was properly calculated and that the employee's leave payout was properly calculated in accordance with applicable State law.
  11. Haphazardly select four employees hired during the fiscal year to determine if they were added to the payroll in accordance with the Department's policies and procedures and that their first pay check was properly calculated in accordance with applicable State law.
  12. Randomly select five bonus pay disbursements to determine:
    - Employee does not make more than \$100,000 annually.
    - Bonuses received during the year did not exceed \$3,000.
    - Payment agreed to supporting documentation.
    - Bonus pay was approved by the appropriate supervisor.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

## **Journal Entries**

13. Haphazardly select five journal entry transactions from the fiscal year to:
  - Trace postings to the general ledger, confirming amounts agree with supporting documentation.
  - Confirm transaction is properly approved.
  - Inspect supporting documentation to confirm the purpose of the transaction.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

## Reporting Packages

14. Obtain copies of fiscal year end reporting packages submitted to the Office of the State Comptroller General (CG). Inspect the Master Reporting Package Checklist to determine the appropriate reporting packages were prepared and submitted by the due date established by the CG's Reporting Policies and Procedures Manual.
15. In addition to the procedure above, perform the following:
  - Other Receivables Reporting Package

Determine if reported amounts agree to the South Carolina Enterprise Information System (SCEIS) general ledger, the SCEIS Yearend Reporting - Accounts Receivable Current with Customer report and/or Department prepared records. Inspect all receivable transactions reported.
  - Subsequent Events Questionnaire

Determine if responses are reasonable/accurate and any required supplemental information was properly prepared and submitted based on inspection of the SCEIS general ledger and/or Department prepared records.

## Finding

The Department submitted the Capital Assets Reporting Package one business day after the extended due date.

## Management's Response

We agree with the finding. Unfortunately, the combination of office closures due to Hurricane Florence and staff illness resulted in a delayed submission of the report by one business day.

## Composite Reservoir Accounts

16. Obtain a listing of Department composite reservoir accounts and confirm with management that the listing is complete.
17. Obtain fiscal year monthly reconciliations for each composite reservoir account and determine if the reconciliations were timely performed and properly documented in accordance with Department procedures and State regulations.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

## Minutes

18. Inspect the Commission's approved minutes beginning with the end date of prior year fieldwork through the end of our fieldwork.

We found no other matters related to our agreed-upon procedures.

## **Governance, Risk and Compliance (GRC) SCEIS Module**

19. Select all controls identified through the SCEIS GRC system that were in place during fiscal year 2018 and inspect mitigating control documentation. Confirm with management the controls are operating as designed.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

## **Appropriation Act**

20. Inspect the Appropriation Act work program, provided to and completed by management, confirming areas of noncompliance, if any.
21. Confirm compliance with Department-specific state provisos by inquiring with management and observing supporting documentation, where applicable.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

## **Status of Prior Findings**

22. Through inquiry and inspection, determine if the Department has taken appropriate corrective action on the finding reported during the engagement for the prior fiscal year.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.